

10 August 2021

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 15335

I refer to your information request received on 16 July and follow-up email on 18 July. You asked:

What % of Family Court Advisers have received training on Parental Alienation?

Who provided the training and when was the training provided?

We do not hold information matching these parts of your request. However, you may wish to know Cafcass Cymru practitioners have been engaging for some time with a range of learning opportunities about the issue of alienation and alienating behaviours.

These opportunities included webinars, podcasts, team workshops and a sector-wide event co-facilitated with Cardiff University. After commissioning a review in relation to research and case law on parental alienation in 2018, we published in 2019 Practice Guidance documents covering topics such as Domestic Abuse, Harmful Conflict and Children Resisting or Refusing to Spend Time with a Parent, to assist practitioners in their practice when working with children, young people and their families. The literature review and Practice Guidance documents are available in the Publications section of our website here [Publications | GOV.WALES](#) .

Cafcass Cymru practitioners have access to a range of learning opportunities to promote their continued professional learning and development, including training on the topic of Harmful Conflict and Children who Resist and Refuse Contact, which covers the topic of alienation and alienating behaviours. All our practitioners received and have on-going access to the literature review, were invited to the training event which launched the Resist and Refuse practice guidance, and have been invited to team-based practice development sessions to discuss the practice guidance and learning from it.

You also asked for:

the number of Family Court Advisers employed by Cafcass Cymru.

There are currently 137 permanent practitioner staff employed by Cafcass Cymru.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to:

Nigel Brown
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Please remember to quote the ATISN reference numbers above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Normally, however, you should pursue the matter through our internal procedure before you complain to the Information Commissioner.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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